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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions related to the social studies
2 curriculum provided to students enrolled in school districts
3 in grades nine through twelve.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Five units of the social studies including instruction
4 in voting statutes and procedures, voter registration
5 requirements, the use of paper ballots and voting systems in
6 the election process, and the method of acquiring and casting
7 an absentee ballot. All students shall complete a minimum
8 of one-half unit of United States government and one unit of
9 United States history. The one-half unit of United States
10 government shall include ~~the~~ all of the following:

11 (1) The voting procedure as described in this lettered
12 paragraph and section 280.9A. ~~The government instruction shall~~
13 ~~also include a~~

14 (2) A study of the Constitution of the United States and the
15 Bill of Rights contained in the Constitution and an assessment
16 of a student's knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of
17 Rights.

18 (3) (a) Instruction related to all of the following:

19 (i) The purpose of state law, including that state law
20 exists to preserve the rights, liberties, and dignity of all
21 human beings, and provide for the protection of innocence.

22 (ii) The affirmative argument for prohibiting transgender
23 drugs and surgeries for minors.

24 (iii) The affirmative argument for parental rights in
25 education and the legal limitations of the doctrine of in loco
26 parentis.

27 (iv) The physical and emotional harms associated with
28 exposure to pornography.

29 (v) The use of overt sexual themes by sexual predators to
30 groom victims.

31 (b) This subparagraph shall not apply to a nonpublic school.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill modifies provisions related to the social studies

1 curriculum provided to students enrolled in school districts
2 in grades 9 through 12.

3 The bill provides that the one-half unit of United States
4 government instruction that is provided to students enrolled in
5 school districts in grades 9 through 12 as part of the social
6 studies curriculum shall include instruction related to the
7 purpose of state law, the affirmative argument for prohibiting
8 transgender drugs and surgeries for minors, the affirmative
9 argument for parental rights in education and the legal
10 limitations of the doctrine of in loco parentis, the physical
11 and emotional harms associated with exposure to pornography,
12 and the use of overt sexual themes by sexual predators to groom
13 victims.